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GOOD CROP SEASON EXPECTED IN TENNESSEE

Corn production in **Tennessee** was forecast at 123 million bushels, down 4 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 150 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from the 2013 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 820 thousand acres, unchanged acres from 2013. Producers have a positive outlook for corn this season and expect good yields. With it being one of the earlier planted crops, it benefitted most from the wet weather because most of the crop was already established. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 14.0 billion bushels, up 1 percent from 2013. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 167.4 bushels per acre, up 8.6 bushels from 2013. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.8 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but down 4 percent from 2013.

Soybean production for **Tennessee** was forecast at 69.5 million bushels, decreased 1 percent from 2013. Yield was estimated at 44 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.58 million acres, up 60,000 acres from the previous year. As of August 1, the soybean crop was in mostly good to excellent condition. A number of soybean acres were drowned out by rain and severe weather and, in some cases, producers replanted two to three times. Despite set-backs from the weather, producers expect good yields this fall. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 3.82 billion bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 45.4 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 84.1 million acres, unchanged from June but up 11 percent from 2013.

Tennessee cotton production is projected to be 440,000 bales, up 6.3 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 862 pounds per acre, 9 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 245,000 acres, up 12,000 acres from 2014. Cooler than normal temperatures have producers concerned that the crop is not receiving enough heat units. Because of this, producers are hesitant to comment about yield prospects because the crops' sensitivity to adverse environmental conditions makes the predictability of the crop difficult. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 17.5 million bales, up 36 percent from 2014. Yields are forecast to average 820 pounds per acre, down slightly from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 10.2 million acres, up 36 percent from the previous year.

Tennessee burley tobacco production was forecast at 22.4 million pounds, up 9.9 percent from 2013. Yield was projected at 1,600 pounds per acre, up 90 pounds from the 2013 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 14,000 acres, up 500 acres from last year's crop. Condition of the crop was mostly fair to good. For the **burley producing states** production was forecast at 201 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 98,400 acres, down 1 percent from 2013. Yields were expected to average 2,040 pounds per acre, up 96 pounds from last year.

Production of **Tennessee dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 19.4 million pounds, down 11 percent percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production was forecast at 2.86 million pounds, up 17 percent from last year.

Production of **hay** by **Tennessee** farmers was forecast to be down from last year. **Other hay** production was estimated at 3.70 million tons, down 15 percent from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, AUGUST 1
TENNESSEE AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014 ²	2013	2014		2013	2014
						Jul 1 ¹	Aug 1 ²		
	TENNESSEE								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Corn ³	890	880	820	820	156.0	--	150.0	127,920	123,000
Soybeans ³	1,560	1,620	1,520	1,580	46.0	--	44.0	69,920	69,520
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	610	560	540	480	71.0	68.0	68.0	38,340	32,640
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Hay:									
Other, All	--	--	1,900	1,850	2.30	--	2.00	4,370	3,700
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Cotton ⁵	250	250	233	245	853	--	862	414	440
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	21,400	21,800	2,083	--	2,050	44,570	44,690
Burley	--	--	13,500	14,000	1,510	--	1,600	20,385	22,400
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	6,900	6,700	3,150	--	2,900	21,735	19,430
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	1,000	1,100	2,450	--	2,600	2,450	2,860
	UNITED STATES								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Corn ³	95,365	91,641	87,668	83,839	158.8	--	167.4	13,925,147	14,031,915
Soybeans ³	76,533	84,839	75,869	84,058	43.3	--	45.4	3,288,833	3,815,679
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	43,090	42,296	32,402	32,419	47.4	42.2	43.1	1,534,253	1,396,742
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Hay:									
Other, All	--	--	40,494	39,456	1.94	--	1.96	78,365	77,197
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Cotton ⁵	10,407	11,369	7,544	10,241	821	--	820	12,909	17,502
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	355,675	358,880	2,034	--	2,254	723,579	808,890
Burley	--	--	99,000	98,400	1,944	--	2,040	192,465	200,785
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	16,250	16,030	3,101	--	3,050	50,388	48,890
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	5,200	5,400	2,652	--	2,680	13,790	14,470

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are *(denoted by "--")*. ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁵ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.